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1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dr. William W. Fox, Jr.
Director, Office of Science and Technology
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Dear Dr. Fox:

The Independent Peer Review System operated by UM has completed its review of evaluated scientific questions relevant to the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, conducted by Mr. Stephen Smith (DFO), Dr. Donald Olson (UM), and Dr. David St. Aubin (Mystic Aquarium). Enclosed please find the reviewers' independent reports, as well as a list of the review documents supplied by the SWFSC. As before, I assume that your Office will forward the documents to the appropriate places in NMFS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Cowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "R" and "C".

Robert K. Cowen
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List of review documents

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